

**SEGUIN ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**October 23, 2014**

The Seguin Animal Services Advisory Committee met in regular session on October 23, 2014 at 12 p.m., in the Police Department training room.

1. Call to order.

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

2. Roll call. (Bold indicates an appointed member)

Present:

**Campaigne, Bill**

**Dodgen, Donna**

**Fennel, Cathy**

Goolsby, Wade

**Lewis, Leah**

Absent:

**Pyatt, Doug**

3. Hearing of residents.

4. Review minutes from July 24, 2014.

Motion to approve the minutes regarding the July 24, 2014 Animal Services Advisory Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Fennel motioned to approve the minutes and Mrs. Dodgen seconded the motion.

5. Announcement on new animal services officer position.

City Council approved the addition of an additional Animal Services Officer in the fiscal year 2014-2015 budget, bringing the Animal Services staff to five. Interviews for the position will be held on October 30, 2014.

6. Update on shelter needs assessment.

Presentation by Deputy Chief Goolsby.

7. Discussion on ordinances.

Due to the fact Animal Services receives complaints in reference to pet owners not picking up their animal's waste, the board further discussed implementing a pet waste ordinance. Animal Services does not currently document or respond to complaints regarding pet owners not picking up their pet's waste due to the fact it is not an enforceable offense. However, if a waste complaint is reported in conjunction with an enforceable offense, then the entire complaint is documented.

Animal Services receives the most calls related to waste complaints in the spring and summer months. In May 2014, Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Jack Jones, contacted

Animal Services in reference to complaints he was receiving regarding pet owners walking their dogs off-leash in Starcke Park and not picking up their pet's waste.

After further discussion, Mrs. Fennel motioned to approve implementing a pet waste ordinance and Mrs. Dodgen seconded the motion.

The board also reviewed anti-tethering ordinances from other cities and explored possible options/solutions. However, the board agreed that the appropriate time to implement an anti-tethering ordinance would be when we have a larger facility. If we were to implement such ordinance now, many residents would be forced to owner surrender their dogs and Animal Services would be forced to euthanize them because we do not have enough space at our current facility. Once the new Animal Services Facility is complete, the board agreed to revisit this issue. We also discussed working with organizations that offer volunteer projects (possibly Home Depot) who may assist with building fences so citizens would have options other than just having to owner surrender their dog.

9. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.